

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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It's Never too Early to Think College

High School doesn't have to be the end of learning for students with a disability. There are many opportunities for continued education post-high school and it's never too early to start doing some research. PACER's National Parent Center on Transition and Employment (<https://www.pacer.org/transition/learning-center/postsecondary/>) is a great place to start. Their website provides information on Preparing for Postsecondary Education, Selecting the Right Program, Campus Life, Understanding Academic Accommodations, Financial Aid, Knowing Your Rights and Responsibilities, and College Options for Students with Intellectual Disabilities.

Did you know, "as of March 2019, there were 265 non-degree programs on university and college campuses across the country offering students with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to take college classes..."? There are 15 programs in North Carolina alone. Think College (<https://thinkcollege.net/>) "is a national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disability." They provide a detailed 12-page guide about conducting a college search as well as an easy to use map to find programs throughout the U.S. (<https://thinkcollege.net/college-search>). Think College also provides trainings to help families prepare for life after high school.



**PACER's
National Parent Center
on Transition and Employment**



ThinkCollege

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Upcoming

January 2020

- Birth Defects Awareness Month
- 4th: World Braille Day
- 24th: Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day

January 13 at 7:30pm, webinar

-Fostering Positive Relationships with Administration and Resolving Conflict in your PTA
(<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1389821581876677131>)

The Arc of the Triangle

- Community Connections
- Friday Fun Day
- The Every Voice Choir
- Introductory Cooking Class
- Petals with a Purpose
- Supported Retirement
- Triangle Self-Advocacy Network

Visit www.arctriangle.org/community_prog for more information.

Autism Society of NC workshops

- After the Diagnosis: Get Answers, Get Help, Get Going
- After the Diagnosis: Helping an Older Child Navigate the Journey
- Como ayudar a los niños con autismo
- Estrategias para el comportamiento difícil
- Autism 101
- Understanding and managing Behavior in Autism
- IEP Process: Building Success for Your Child at School

Visit <https://www.autismsociety-nc.org/autism-workshops/> for dates, times, and more information.

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